

Nativity Early Learning Center Half Day Preschool

Dear Parents,

We had a lot of fun in January. Last month the kids had a great time learning how to make paper snowflakes. We also enjoyed our outside days in the backyard playground. Thanks for having them in their winter gear ready to go. During February we will have fun with Valentines and learning about the Presidents and Dental Health. We will have our Valentine's Day Parties on Monday, February 13th and Tuesday, February 14th. There is more information about the parties on the last page of the newsletter. Shannon Cunningham, one of our preschool parents, will be coming in on Friday, February 24th and Thursday, March 1st to talk about healthy dental hygiene. Our saint of the month is Saint Valentine. He was the patron saint of love and was a holy priest in Rome.

Thanks and have a great February,
Maureen Rogers and Colleen Ganong

Week of Feb. 6th-10th

Unit: Valentine's Day

Letter: "J, jö

Show and Tell:

MWF groups: Bring in something on Monday that begins with the letter öJ, jö. Complete öJ, jö list. Complete öJ, jö papers.

TTH groups: Bring in something on Tuesday that begins with the letter öJ, jö to show or talk about. Complete öJ, jö list. Complete öJ, jö papers.

Art:

MWF groups: Make Valentine magnets and decorate Valentine bags

TTH groups: Make Valentine magnets and decorate Valentine bags

Large Muscle:

Play drop the heart

Music:

If I Were a Valentine

If I were a Valentine, I know what I would do. I would jump into an envelope and mail myself to you.

Math:

Play number bingo with conversation hearts.

Special people of the week: Please bring in 8-10 pictures

Finn C., Sam C. & Avery K.

Week of February 13th-17th

Unit: Valentine's Day and Presidents

Letter: öK, kö

Special Notes:

Please have your child wear red or pink on the 13th and 14th!

Valentine's Day Parties: Monday, February 13th and Tuesday, February 14th

Please make sure your child's treat is peanut/nut free.

Show and Tell:

MWF groups: Bring in something on **Wednesday** that begins with the letter öK, kö. Complete öK, kö list. Complete öK, kö papers.

TTH groups: Bring in something on **Thursday** that begins with the letter öK, kö to show or talk about. Complete öK, kö List. Complete öK, kö papers.

Large Muscle:

Play President May I

Cooking:

Decorate heart-shaped cookies for snack during our Valentine's Day parties.

Special people of the week: Please bring in 8-10 pictures

Tommy R. & John C.

Week of February 20th-24th

Unit: Presidents

Letter: õL, lö

Special Notes: No School Monday, February 20th, 2012 in observance of Presidents Day. Our special snow days will be Thursday, February 23rd and Friday, February 24th. Please have your child dressed and ready to go. We will go outside for the first half hour of class.

Show and Tell:

MWF group: Bring in something on **Wednesday** that begins with the letter õL, lö. Complete õL, lö list. Complete õL, lö papers.

TTH groups: Bring in something on Tuesday that begins with the letter õL, lö to show or talk about. Complete õL, lö list. Complete õL, lö papers.

Music:

“Presidents”

Whose fine face is on the penny? On the penny, on the penny. Whose fine face is on the penny? Abraham Lincoln! Whose fine face is on the quarter? On the quarter, on the quarter. Whose fine face is on the quarter? George Washington!

Large Muscle:

Play Follow the Leader

Math:

We will take a look at our dollar bills and talk about which President is on each one of them and look at pictures of the White House.

Science:

We will do the õShinny Pennyö experiment.

Special people of the week: Please bring in 8-10 pictures Charlotte K. & Carol O.

Week of February 27th- March 2nd

Unit: Dental Health

Letter: õM, mö

Special Notes: We will have Shannon Cunningham come in to talk to the children about **Dental health. (Will’s Mom in our MWF PM group)** Our special snow days will be Thursday March 1st and Friday March 2nd. Please have your child dressed and ready to go. We will go outside for the first half hour of class.

Show and Tell:

MWF groups: Bring in something on Monday that begins with the letter õM, mö. Complete õM, mö list. Complete õM, mö papers.

TTH groups: Bring in something on Tuesday that begins with the letter õM, mö to show or talk about. Complete õM, mö list. Complete õM, mö papers.

Art:

MWF groups: Marshmallow teeth

TTH groups: Marshmallow teeth

Music:**“Got my Toothpaste”**

Got my toothpaste, got my brush. I won't hurry, I won't rush. Making sure my teeth are clean, front and back and in between. When I brush for quite a while, I will have a happy smile!

Math:

Counting teeth

Special People of the week: Please bring in 8-10 pictures

Nora W. & Lawrence T.

Teacher Tidbits**1. Days Off:**

No School Monday, February 20th, 2012 in observance of Presidents Day

2. February Birthdays:

Ben T. 2nd, Connor B. 11th, John C. 8th, and Benji B. 28th

3. Special people of the week:

Please bring in 8-10 pictures of your child, family and friends. We'll put all the pictures on poster board, decorate it and hang it up on the back wall of the classroom for a week.

Week of Feb. 6th-10th Finn C., Sam C. & Avery K.

Week of Feb. 13th-17th Tommy R. & John C.

Week of Feb. 20th-24th Charlotte K. & Carol O.

Week of Feb. 27th óMar. 2nd Nora W. & Lawrence T.

4. Saint of the Month:

Our saint of the month is Saint Valentine. Legend has it that Saint Valentine was a priest who served during third century Rome. There was an Emperor at that time by the name of Claudius II. Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those that were married. With this thought in mind he outlawed marriage for young men in hopes of building a stronger military base. Supposedly, Valentine decided this decree just wasn't fair and chose to marry young couples secretly.

5. Valentine's Day Parties:

Please have your child wear red or pink on Monday, February 13th and Tuesday, February 14th. Please keep in mind when you are picking out your child's Valentine's treats that we are a peanut/nut free program. MWF AM 11 children/MWF PM 16 children TTH AM 16 children/TTH PM 9 children. At the party, we will play tape the nose on the heart, have a bean bag toss into a heart box, go on a hunt for hearts and decorate heart shaped cookies.

6. Special Snow Days:

Please have your child dressed and ready to go outside. We will go out right away. We would like to thank you in advance.

Thursday, February 23rd & Friday, February 24th

Thursday, March 1st & Friday, March 2nd

7. Family Fun Night:

Please join us for pizza and a movie on Friday, February 17th at 5:30pm in the Nativity School Auditorium. Pizza will be served at 5:30pm and the movie (Rio) will start at 6:15pm. The cost of this event will be \$10.00 per family. Signup sheets will be available this week. **New this year: All families that have a last name starting A-M please bring a dessert to share and all families that have a last name starting N-Z please bring a beverage to share.**

8. Summer and Fall Registration:

Registration forms for Fall 2012-2013 and Summer 2012 will be sent out mid-February and are due back Thursday, March 1st. Please make sure to turn in your registration forms on time to ensure a spot for your child during the 2012-2013 school years.

9. PAB Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00pm in the Tweety room. All parents are welcome to attend.

10. Alison Feigh: Community Safety Specialist

Alison Feigh works for the Jacob Wetterling Foundation and speaks all over the state to parent groups on how to talk safety with children. The high-energy presentations that Alison is known for are fed by her passion for working with children and youth. The NELC is very excited to announce that Alison will be joining us on Tuesday, March 27th from 6:00pm-7:00pm. CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED. Please check your February NELC newsletter for more information. If you are interested in attending please contact Nicole McGie at 651-696-5437 or nmcgie@nativity-mn.org.